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## Local Department.

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**HOMER DRAKE.**—On Sunday evening last, a little after sun down, the dead body of a man was found about one fourth of a mile from the residence of V. F. Newell, and about four miles from this place. A coronor's jury was summoned forthwith, and an inquest had that night. Every appearance of the body indicated that it had been lying there unmolested, except by wolves or buzzards, for several days previous to its discovery. The body, from the clothes, the features could not be recognized, being frightfully mutilated and decayed—was identified as being that of William Toppin, a man aged about forty-five years. It appears from the evidence before the jury that he had attended a celebration at Osawkee on Wednesday, the fourth inst., and when last seen there he was very much intoxicated. Nothing more was seen or heard of him, though repeated inquiries were made, until found dead as before stated. When found, and at the time of the inquest a gallon jug, half full of whisky, sat by his side, the cork so loosely inserted as to create the opinion that he had taken his last drink of the fatal poison when so nearly exhausted, and so near the gates of death, that he could not retain it tightly to its place.

The verdict of the jury was that "the deceased, William Toppin, came to his death by intemperance." What a horrible record! What an impressive warning to the living to shun the path that leads to the deep degradation of a drunkard's grave—to avoid the influence of the demon that not only kills the body, but drags the soul down to the very depths of unending torment. How harrowing must be the feelings, and hideous the thoughts, of the man who, in his embarking lust for "filthy lucre," sold to Toppin the deadly draught that brought him to such an untimely and degraded death.

Young men, beware of the first temptation to taste intoxicating liquor, lest one step lead to a greater sin, and your end be like unto that above recorded.

On Monday afternoon last this region of Kansas was visited by so extraordinary a wind storm as to excite out of the course of nature, except on the burning deserts of Africa. So suddenly did the storm come up, and so hot was the wind that many persons at first supposed some building near by them was on fire. Others, though the weather was very warm, closed their doors and windows to keep the scorching air out of their houses. For some time the inmates of our dwelling took refuge in the cellar from the oppressive heat of the almost scalding wind. The leaves of plants were literally parched up and killed, as if by a heavy frost. Three years ago the wind at times blew very warm about the middle of the day, but never before has it been our misfortune to experience such severe blasts of heated air. Every breath we drew seemed to almost dry up the vital moisture of our lungs, and leave only an inward burning sensation.

THE M. E. CHURCH, now in process of erection in this place, will be completed, we are informed by the contractors, by the 25th day of August next. It will be a comfortable and well finished building, a pleasant place in which to worship, and a decided credit to our Village. Besides, the good people of Oskaloosa have the satisfaction of knowing that it was built by their own hands and with their own money, and not as were many others in the Territory, by contributions from the East. We hope the Society of Methodists, organized here amid adversity, may prosper in the future even more than they have in the past; that their numbers may continually increase, and their piety and religious influence strengthen with their increasing numerical strength, that it may be said of them, they are a God-fearing people, zealous of good works, and unto six—alive unto salvation.

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.**—Last winter we were pleased to hear that the Congregational society, then under the pastoral charge of Rev. W. H. Ward, would erect in our Village this summer a commodious edifice for public worship; but for two or three months past we have not heard the subject mentioned. Why is this? Nothing would be more gratifying to us—and we think we speak the sentiments of every intelligent citizen—than to see the different denominations of Christians erecting

Churches among us; and there is no better recommendation to strangers of the intelligence and morality of a people, than to witness in every part of town, numbers of heavenward pointing Church spires. Let our Congregational friends take hold of the matter in earnest, and ere the chill November blasts set in, they can have a Church completed; not only for their own accommodation, but for scores of others who now neglect the house of God for want of comfortable places in which to worship.

Rev. W. H. Ward, late pastor of the Congregational Church of this place, has left for the East, having been called to a new field of labor in Massachusetts. Mr. Ward is an accomplished scholar, and a man of exemplary habits and character; and the society here that he ministered to in holy things will deeply feel the loss of so worthy a friend and counsellor.

**Advertisements.** We direct particular attention to the list of advertisements in this number of our paper. Many of our business men, knowing the benefits of advertising, have availed themselves of the first opportunity to publish to the needful people that they are prepared at all times to do work and fill orders in their various departments of trade. The very fact of their desire to be known to the public is a sufficient guaranty of their industry, energy and perseverance, and should recommend them to favorable notice.

Men who never advertise are like the boy who, following the example of his antiquated ancestors, put a stone in one end of the bag when he went to mill—always behind the times, old fogies in every thing, without the spirit of Young America in anything. Most of our business men have signified their intention to advertise liberally as soon as they can get themselves in readiness. Such, of course, are not included in the catalogue of old fogies. We expect in our next number to show a better advertising patronage than can any other paper in any town of equal size and age. Will our friends back this up?

See the advertisement of S. T. McMurray, headed "Kansas Hotel." SAM. is an experienced and courteous landlord, and an adept in the art of pleasing his guests. Give him a call, and we guaranty your first visit will not be your last.

We direct attention to the advertisement of I. V. Fairholm & Co., who are prepared to do all kinds of work in their line to order, on short notice, in good style and on reasonable terms. They speak for themselves in another column of this paper.

Do you know that the place to buy cheap groceries is at H. R. Porter's, on the East side of the Public Square? If you do not, read his advertisement and then try him.

When completed, the M. E. Church will probably be the best finished building in Oskaloosa. The contractors are Evans & McFarland, Carpenters and Builders, who advertise in our first number.

Those wishing to be well sold, can be accommodated at the Boot and Shoe Shop of S. N. Kerr. He warrants all his work to be as represented.

M. R. Dutton, the gentlemanly proprietor of the Dutton House in this place, is one of the most enterprising men among us—a real live little yankee, always up with the times. Nobody knows better than he what his guests like best with which to strengthen "the inner man," and they never fail to get plenty of good things at his sumptuous table. We refer our readers to his advertisements in another column.

We heartily recommend the following to the careful consideration of the business men of our village.

We often hear people say they don't read the advertisements in a newspaper. If this be the case, all we have to say is, they lose half the value of the paper thereby. There is nothing in any paper that so truthfully reflects the business character and population of a city or county as the advertisements in the newspapers. Show us a paper well filled with business advertisements, and we will show you a town prosperous in all its relations, surrounded by a community intelligent, enterprising and wealthy.—Weekly Bulletin.

## Immortal.

**MARRIED.**—On the 23d of June, 1860, at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. STRANGE BROOKS, Dr. SERRIO FISHER, of Oskaloosa, to Miss MARY PHILLIPS of Jefferson County, Kansas.

Lose not the glory of the sun by always seeking to count the spots upon it.

## Immortal.

A LONG EARED SCHOLAR.—Mr. W. is one of our most popular artists and teacher of drawing. The other morning, while busily at work he was interrupted by a rough looking customer: "Be you Mr. W. the painter?"

"I am, sir."

"You teach crockers to draw, I believe?"

"Yes sir," replied the artist, who fancied his visitor some wealthy old father; "do you wish your daughter to take a few lessons?"

"No sir, not my daughter."

"Your son, perhaps?"

"No, not my son, neither."

"Who then, sir, not yourself, I hope?"

"No, not myself, but somebody a darn sight more difficult. A four year old mule I bought 'other day. Learn him to draw, and dena me if I don't putter out and give you the biggest hundred dollars you ever seed!"

The countryman went down stairs with a hop, skip and jump, closely followed by an old pair of boots, a meerschaum pipe, and sundry other moveables.

"Well, Pat, which is the way to Ashland?"

"How did you know my name was Pat?"

"O, I guessed it."

"Thin be the powers, if it are so good at guessing, y'd better guess the way to Ashland."

A young gentleman of our acquaintance says he thinks that young ladies who refuse good offers of marriage are too "No-ing by half."

An Irishman being asked whether he did frequently converse with a friend in Irish, replied:

"No indeed; Jenny often speaks to me in Irish, but I always answer him in English."

"Because, you see, I don't want Jenny to know that I understand Irish."

Why is B like a hot fire?—Because it makes oil boil.

What money brings the most substantial interest?—Matrimony.

What figure is that which, if cut in two becomes naught?—The human figure.

A crusty old bachelor says he thinks it is woman, and not her wrongs, that ought to be redressed.

The Chinese picture of ambition is "a mandarin trying to catch a comet, by putting salt on his tail."

The eye of the law has become so weak from the want of proper practice in the different courts, that it is going to advertise for a pupil.

A young lady, who recently performed a remarkable feat in rowing, has been presented with a beautiful yawl. A snark would have been more appropriate.

"Have you any travelling inkstands?" asked a lady of a young stationer. "No, ma'am; we have them with feet and legs, but they are not old enough to travel yet."

We run the risk of experiencing the greatest disgust if we observe too closely how government, justice and cookery are managed.

Goods and mail were on the rail, And mail pulled up to water; Goods slap dash, Run in—crash! smash! And express came tumbling after.

An Irishman had been sick a long time, and while in that state would occasionally cease breathing, and life be apparently extinct for some time, when he would come to again. On one of these occasions when he had just awakened from his sleep, his friend, Patrick, asked him:

"And how'll ye know, Jimmy, when yer dead? yer after waking up every time."

"Bring me a glass of whisky, and say 'here's till ye, Jimmy,' and if I don't rise and drink, then bury me."

"Mr. Timothy, you remind me of a barometer that is filled with nothing in the upper story." "Divine Almira," meekly replied the adorer, "in thanking you for the compliment, let me remind you that you occupy my upper story entirely."

Time is the cradle of thought. Time will wear out the old clothing of thought when reason and common sense come to be the fashion.

A good story is related of Sally, the painter, a man distinguished for refinement of manners, as well as his success in art. At a party one evening, Sally was speaking of a belle, who was a great favorite:

"Ah! say Sally, 'she has a mouth like an elephant.'"

"Oh, oh Mr. Sally! how can you be so rude?"

"Rude, ladies! what do you mean? I say she has got a mouth like an elephant, because it's so full of ivory."

**THE GREAT EASTERN AND WATER SPOUT.**—We understand from Mr. Porter, agent of the country who lives some fifty miles west of this place, that the people of that portion of the country have been visited by one of the severest storms that ever visited the western country, of wind, rain, hail, and what they call a water-spout, on Saturday last. The hail, rain and wind appeared to have been general, and of itself would have done comparatively little damage, but when accompanied by the water-spout, the effects were frightful. The water-spout traveled a distance, as far as we can learn, of some fifteen miles, and its width was from five to twenty-five feet, literally killing the grass, uprooting the largest trees, and carrying away houses—in short, everything that laid in its path. A horse was carried into the air to the height of forty or fifty feet, the fall crushing his body almost to atoms. In its course there stood a log house, occupied by a lady, who, in attempting to make good her escape before the house was blown down upon her, was taken up and carried off by the storm. Nothing has been heard of her, though diligent search has been made along the path of the destroyer. We have but a meagre account of the damage done, but we are inclined to believe it very great. Verily, we live in an age of storms.—*Doniphan Post.*

A Democratic lady writes to us that we may kiss her and a dozen of her pretty friends if we will support Douglas. If we were to swallow the Little Giant, we shouldn't have the impudence to kiss a lady for six months, our breath would smell worse than if we had eaten raw onions.—*Louisville Journal.*

If the engravings of "Old Abe" are correct, he looks like the devil. We are a little afraid he will run like the devil.—*Louisville Journal.*

**Advertisements.**

**KANSAS HOTEL,** OSKALOOSA, KANSAS. (West side of the Public Square.)

**S. T. McMURRAY, PROPRIETOR.** This well arranged house has recently been refitted, and is now open to the public.

**MOST COMFORTABLE HOTELS** in the Territory. That it may be equal to any other in the interior, the proprietor devotes much time and money to its improvement, so that his guests may not only find with him pleasant stopping places, but

**A CHEERFUL HOME.** The guests at this hotel will always see the smile of a friendly host.

**THE BEST OF THE GOOD THINGS** the country affords. A liberal share of patronage is solicited from the traveling public.

**GOOD STABLEING.** A liberal share of patronage may be found in connection with this hotel.

**PAUL E. HAVENS,** Deputy Clerk of the District Court for JEFFERSON COUNTY, KANSAS.

**CONVEYANCER, REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE AND COLLECTION AGENT.** OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

Will attend promptly to all business entrusted to his care.

**DEEDS, MORTGAGES, BONDS, LEASES,** and all other legal instruments carefully drawn. For full particulars call on the proprietor at the office of the Court in Jefferson County, Kansas.

**THE GREAT EASTERN HAS ARRIVED!** Oskaloosa against the World!

**GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICE OF GOODS!** STEWART & CRABE'S

HAVE just received a large stock of Staple and Fancy Goods, consisting of all the various articles usually kept in western retail stores. Country produce taken in exchange for goods.

Ladies and Gentlemen, call at the People's Store, Standard corner of Public Square, July 11th Oskaloosa, Kansas.

**W. N. ALLEN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,** OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

Will practice in the Courts of Jefferson County, 227 Particular attention paid to the payment of taxes in Jefferson County.

**DR. F. T. SPEES, Physician,** OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

Tender his professional services to the citizens of Oskaloosa and vicinity. Office in Porter's Building, east side of Public Square.

**THOS. H. NOBLE, FAMILY GROCER** AND PROVISION DEALER, (East side of Public Square,) Oskaloosa, Kansas.

**MOORE & McCLELLAN, OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.**

DEALERS IN STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS, CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, READY MADE CLOTHING, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, GLASSWARE, QUEENSWARE, TOBACCO.

Fancy Goods, Yankee Notions, Books, Stationery, &c., and all other articles usually sold by Country Merchants.

The greatest care and attention has been exercised in the selection of the above stock, and all the goods will be found of the best quality and sold on the most reasonable terms.

For full particulars call on the proprietor at the office of the Court in Jefferson County, Kansas.

**DRUGS, PATENT MEDICINES, OILS, DYES, WINDOW GLASS,** Fancy Goods, Yankee Notions, Books, Stationery, &c., and all other articles usually sold by Country Merchants.

The greatest care and attention has been exercised in the selection of the above stock, and all the goods will be found of the best quality and sold on the most reasonable terms.

## DUTTON HOUSE

OSKALOOSA, K. T.,

M. R. DUTTON, Proprietor.

Having recently fitted up, and furnished the above new house, which is pleasantly located at the corner of

**COUNTY SEAT** of Jefferson County, is now ready to accommodate the traveling public.

**NO FRAUDS WILL BE SPARED** to render satisfaction to all who may favor him. It is a call, and a ring to let you in to the motto of

**"LIVE AND LET LIVE"**

The proprietor hopes to merit a liberal patronage. A careful man always on hand to attend the same.

**M. R. DUTTON, DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK, CONVEYANCER, REAL ESTATE AND COLLECTION AGENT.** Office adjoining the Dutton House, Oskaloosa, Jefferson County, Kansas.

Will practice in the Courts of Jefferson County, 227 Particular attention paid to the payment of taxes in Jefferson County.

**JAMES L. CARTER, DEALER IN DRUGS, BOOKS, & STATIONERY, PERFUMERY, PAINTS, OILS, DYE-STUFFS, &c., &c.,** Commercial Street, between Second & Third, ATCHISON, KANSAS.

**DANIEL W. ADAMS, Commission, Storage, AND FORWARDING MERCHANT,** ATCHISON, KANSAS.

Particular attention paid to receiving, and to forwarding goods to the interior.

**PRICE & STEVENSON, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,** OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

Will practice in the Courts of Jefferson County, 227 Particular attention paid to the payment of taxes in Jefferson County.

**EVANS & MCFARLAND, CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS,** (Shop on North-east corner of Public Square,) OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

ARE prepared to fill orders for all kinds of work in their line in the best style.

**OSKALOOSA AHEAD! NEW STOVE STORE AND TIN SHOP,** (North side of Public Square,) W. H. WHITSETT, Proprietor.

THE subscriber keeps constantly on hand a good assortment of the best varieties of

**CHARTERED OAK,** which is an extensive size where ever introduced, because it is well adapted to the wants of the people. Also the

**VALLEY FENCE AND PLYMOUTH ROCK,** which, for simplicity of arrangement, saving of fuel, and superiority of operation.

I also have constantly on hand a good assortment of my own manufacture, all of which is warranted to give

**PERFECT SATISFACTION.** I am prepared in every particular to execute

**JOB WORK OF ALL KINDS** with neatness and dispatch, and at cheap rates in any house in Kansas, those in the river towns not excepted.

I hope by strict attention to business and an economical management, to merit a liberal share of public patronage. W. H. WHITSETT, Oskaloosa, Kan. July 11th, 1860.

**H. R. PORTER, Dealer in Family Groceries and Provisions,** FLOUR, FRUIT, PRESERVES, PICKLES, NUTS, COFFEE, CANDLES, PASTRIES, &c., CONFECTIONERIES, &c.

Keeps constantly on hand a full and complete stock of goods which he offers for sale cheap for cash.

Particular attention paid to the payment of taxes in Jefferson County.

**BOOTS & SHOES!** MANUFACTURER OF AND DEALER IN BOOTS AND SHOES.

Manufacture of and dealer in boots and shoes.

**G. B. CARSON, DEALER IN STAPLE & FANCY DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,** BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS & CAPS, HARDWARE, &c.

Keeps constantly on hand a full and complete stock of goods which he offers for sale cheap for cash.

Particular attention paid to the payment of taxes in Jefferson County.

## I. V. FAIRHOLM &amp; CO.

BLACKSMITHS

MANUFACTURERS OF PLOWS,

This firm having recently opened business in the large stone shop on the North side of Jefferson Street, (that is the Public Square,) would respectfully announce to the citizens of Oskaloosa and vicinity, that they are now prepared to do all kinds of

**ALL KINDS OF BLACKSMITHING** on short notice and reasonable terms.

We hold ourselves responsible to manufacture, every description of

**BREAKING, FALLOW AND CORN PLOWS,** which we will warrant to run well and

**SCOUR IN ANY SOIL.**

Particular attention paid to making

**WAGONS, CARRIAGES & BUGGIES** in the most approved and workmanlike manner.

A. V. Fairholm, with drawing, several years to the business, will perform all kinds of carriage work for customers in the most neat and best style. A liberal share of public patronage is solicited.

**JOSEPH COCHRANE, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, AND SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY,** OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

Office N. 1/2 side of the Public Square. Will attend to the payment of taxes for non-residents, and buy and sell Real Estate. Call at once and be promptly attended to.

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE!** THE undersigned offers for sale, cheap for cash, three desirable town lots, elegantly situated in the city. For particulars inquire at I. V. Fairholm.

**FARM FOR SALE!** I HAVE a piece of good land, located three miles N. E. of Oskaloosa, and containing 1/2 section. On this farm there is a good frame house, a first-rate well of water, and about forty acres under fence and in cultivation.

**Fever and Ague,** from which mankind suffer over a large part of the globe, is the consequence of a diseased action in the system, induced by the poisonous miasm of vegetable decay. This miasm is evolved by the action of solar heat on wet soil, and rises with the water vapor from the earth. It is then carried by the breeze to the lungs, where it is absorbed, and the system becomes diseased.

The blood becomes impure and is carried to the liver, where it is stored, and then to the system as a whole. The liver becomes diseased, and the system is further weakened. The blood is then carried to the system as a whole, and the system is further weakened.

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## SEVEN YEARS' EXPERIENCE.

By virtue of a charter of the First District Court sitting at Oskaloosa, Kansas, Territory, I will on Sunday, the 10th day of July, 1860, between the hours of 10 o'clock and 4 o'clock, receive and hear all claims and demands against the estate of C. H. HARRIS, deceased, of Oskaloosa, Kansas Territory, who died on the 10th day of July, 1859, and who was a resident of Oskaloosa, Kansas Territory, at the time of his death.

Witness my hand and seal at Oskaloosa, Kansas Territory, this 10th day of July, 1860.

JOHN M. PRICE, Attorney for Plaintiff.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that I have been appointed Administrator of the Estate of William Bell, deceased, by the District Court of Jefferson County. All persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to bring in their claims within one year from this date, or they will be forever barred.

**JAMES MONROE,** Administrator.

**PAINTING.** J. B. FORBES, HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER, PAINTING, GRASSING AND PAPER HANGING.

Done on short notice in 10 or 20 days and at moderate rates. Shop in Tappan's Building on Jefferson St., Oskaloosa, Kansas.

**J. R. FORBES, SURVEYOR & CIVIL ENGINEER,** OSKALOOSA, KANSAS.

LAND Surveying and Civil Engineering done. All orders promptly attended to.